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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th October 1871.

Read the following papers :—

No. 255. From Mr. J. R. Taylor.
(Here enter, dated 16th September 1871.)

No. 256. From the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
(Here enter No. 1,680, dated 25th September 1871.)

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1871, No. 2,630.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 24.

THE Government are pleased to declare Mr. J. R. Taylor eligible for re-employment in the public service without passing the General, Account and Precis Tests.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To Mr. J. R. Taylor.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Madras, 16th September 1871.

To,

Colonel J. Carpendale. R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I beg leave very respectfully to bring to your notice that I served the Government, as an Accountant in the late Central Office of Public Works for seven years, and for another period of seven years in the Controller's Office, Department of Public Works, rising gradually in those Departments from Rupees Fifty to Rupees One hundred and fifty per mensem. The enclosed Extract of my Testimonials from the Office Register will, I humbly hope, satisfy you that my long service of Fourteen years was marked throughout by such a character for efficiency, zeal and attention to my duties and uniformity of conduct as reasonably to justify my hoping for further advancement in the Public Service.

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To be returned

2. While thus steadily plodding on, pecuniary embarrassments and domestic troubles of

of an unforeseen and complicated character arose, with a train of circumstances over which I could exercise no possible control, and these induced my overstaying my leave, whereupon my services were dispensed with agreeably to G. O. No 120, dated 19th May 1870.

3. I beg to submit with all earnestness the well known fact that my liabilities had been the result of a series of unexpected contingencies and other circumstances, and certainly not from wanton extravagance. My wife originally contracted the greater portion of my debts without my knowledge and consent, and subsequently left my house and protection — the said debts I was unable to reduce, notwithstanding the regular payments I had made, owing to the high rates of interest, compound interest and heavy Court's costs with which I was often saddled. My sister and sister-in-law having become widows, sought my house and protection, together with their children, at a time when I was struggling hard under the heavy pressure put upon me by my creditors. My mother died after a protracted illness whilst I was collapsing by the well-known usurious system — and I and one of my three children were

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seriously indisposed when I was stripped of all the little property I possessed in the world under an execution of a judgment debt.

4. In submitting an authenticated Copy of my Schedule, Balance sheet, and the judgment of the Insolvent Court, I beg to state that Rupees Two thousand, one hundred and Six and Annas Twelve had been twice entered in my Schedule, as it is customary to insert the names of parties as my Creditors who have guaranteed my Promissory Notes, while another sum of

Item No. 3. Rupees Six hundred and five has been nominally entered as explained in the Schedule. Excluding the above sums, as well as the exorbitant rates of interest inserted in the Schedule, my debts actually become reduced to a little more than one third of that shown in the Schedule. I beg, at the same time, to add that, prior to my resorting to the Insolvent Court, I made every effort to come to a settlement with my Creditors, and went even so far as to offer two thirds of my salary, but they would not yield - hence, I had no alternative left but to seek the protection of the Court.

5. I beg to submit, in conclusion, that

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my re-entertainment in the Public Works Department, or in any other branch of the Public Service, on the occurrence of a vacancy, is rendered impracticable, unless I am declared exempted from the Uncovenanted Service Examinations, and I therefore humbly and devoutly pray that, taking into consideration the high and unexceptionable character which I had borne as a Public Servant for fourteen years; the fact of my having had a large family solely de-pendent upon me for support, with no re-sources other than my bare salary when em-ployed; my present destitute condition, and the peculiarly unfortunate circumstances under which my services were dispensed with, you will be pleased to accord to me your kind support and that indulgence which I now respectfully solicit at your hands, viz:- that I may be declared exempted from the General Test Examination and from the Account and Precis-writing Special tests (exemption from the two latter tests being requisite to enable me to hold an appointment yielding a salary of more than Fifty Rupees per mensem) or I

must

must, for the remainder of my life, remain under the cloud now hanging over me fraught with utter misery and ruin to myself and my family.

6. Having briefly stated the cause of my dismissal from the Public Service and the circumstances of my Insolvency, I now beg to add that my services have been temporarily engaged by the Controller of Public Works Accounts for the preparation of the Income Tax Statements required by the Government of India and, presuming that the Controller under whom I served during the entire period of my service in the Public Works Department will, doubtless, speak favorably respecting my Character and qualifications, in the event of this my Appeal being referred to that Officer for report.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.
J. Naylor

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Referred to the Controller

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Reo 19th May /70 No 120 Mis

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From
Mr. J. R. Taylor.
To
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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No 2638 - 16 Sept/71

Requesting, under the peculiar circumstances of his case, to be exempted from the operation of the Examinations prescribed for admission into the Uncovenanted Service.

Referred

Referred to the Controller of P. W. Accounts with a view to his reporting on the manner in which Mr. Taylor has acquitted himself since his employment in a temporary capacity and on his general qualification and character.

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23rd Septr. 1871

[signature] Colonel R.E.
Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

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No. 1680 Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Madras, 25th September 1871.

From
The Controller of Public Works Accts,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement on the enclosed memorial from Mr. J. K. Taylor, I have the honour to state that Mr. Taylor has acquitted himself very creditably since his re-employment as a temporary Accountant in this Office under the sanction convey-ed in G. O. No 2107, dated 17th August 1871.

2. Prior to the date of

the Order of the 19th May
1870, No 120, Mr. Taylor
was an Accountant on
the permanent strength of
this Establishment, and
received a salary of Rupees
150 per mensem. He was
in immediate charge of
the Appropriation Branch,
and gave me the
greatest satisfaction until
September 1869, when he
absented himself from
duty and was unable
afterwards to attend. Not
being in a position, with
my limited Establishment,
to keep the work of the
Appropriation Branch
current during Mr. Taylor's
absence, I was reluctantly
compelled to bring the

circumstances of his case before Government, and to solicit orders "as to the manner in which Mr. Taylor's place was to be supplied". This resulted in the issue of the Proceedings of the 19th May 1870, already quoted, which directed that Mr. Taylor's services should be dispensed with.

3. Mr. Taylor originally joined the Account Branch in May 1856, and steadily worked his way up to the position of Head Accountant in the Appropriation Branch which he held in May 1870. He is

a good Accountant, ready at figures, intelli-gent, and correct, and one who can make himself generally useful.

4. Looking to all that Mr. Taylor has suffered during the past 15 months, his good character and attention to duty prior to September 1869, and the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties recently entrusted to him in this Office, I do not think that any favor which the Government may be pleased to shew him

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will be thrown away.
Mr. Taylor assures
me that he is now
un-encumbered
with debt, and from
enquiries which I
have recently made,
I think there is every
probability of Mr.
Taylor proving him-
-self the same useful
public servant as he
undoubtedly was up
to September 1869.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt servant.

S. Knott
Controller of Public Works Accounts

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P. W. 1871 Deptt
~~Fr. of No. 1455~~
The Controller of
Accounts,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to
Government P. W. D.
Fort St. George

Dated 25th
Recd 26th } September 1871.

Enclosures 5.

1-E-Recd No. 1680

Reporting the manner in which Mr. Taylor has acquitted himself since his re-employment in a temporary capacity, and on his general qualifications and character

No. 2630-16th Oct /71

Vote recorded

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6 Oct, 26th Sept /71 Recd 12 Oct

P. W. D.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Read the following

From
Mr. J. R. Taylor — (H. E. dated 16 Septr/71)
The Controller of P. W. Accts. } (H. E. No. 1680 of 25 Septr/71)

The Government are pleased to declare Mr. J. R. Taylor eligible for re employ-ment in the Public Service without passing the General, Account and Precis tests

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To Mr J R Taylor with four enclosures
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Desp. 17/10/71.

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Public Works Department

Letter from Mr. J. R. Taylor d/ 16th Septr. 1871 -
Do from Controller of P. W. Accounts d/ 25th Do

For orders.

In the first of these papers Mr. Taylor, late an Accountant in the Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, applies to be exempted from the General, Account, and Precis tests - It will be observed from the Controller's

letter of 12th May 1870
and G. O No 120
dated 19th idem that
Mr Taylor's services
were dispensed with
on account of his
pecuniary embarrass-
-ments. In November
1870 Mr Taylor appears
to have applied for
the benefit of the
Insolvent Act, and
no notice of opposition
having been filed,
he was discharged.
There does not seem
to be any thing reprehensible

in Mr. Taylor's case beyond the fact of his getting into debt, and as the Controller in his letter of the 25th Septr. 1871, No. 1680 submits a very favorable report on Mr. Taylor's qualifications, and on his conduct prior to Septr. 1869 and since his reentertainment on the temporary Establishment in August last, it is recommended that Mr. Taylor's application may be complied ~~with~~ – namely:–

that he may be

Considered eligible for re-employment in the Public Service without passing the General Account and precis tests.

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30 Sep:

I think so

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Govt. of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To Mr. J. H. Taylor

Dated

Recd. Encl. 1

G. O., 16th October 1871, No. 2180

Nos. 255 & 256

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Mr Taylor J. H. - Declared eligible for re-employment in the public service without passing the General Account and Precis tests.